

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1-3 and ADD new claims 12-14 in accordance with the following:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of displaying messages in an information exchange system for transmitting and receiving the messages through at least one network as a communication field having user terminals connected to the at least one network as communication field, comprising:

- designating at least one network;
- obtaining one of the messages to be transmitted or received from the at least one of the designated network;
- concentrating the obtained messages; and
- displaying the concentrated messages in a time series basis independent of the messages on another of the at least one network.

2. (ONCE AMENDED) An information exchange system in which user terminals are configured for connection to a plurality of networks to transmit and receive messages through the plurality of networks, the user terminals having a message display area displaying messages transmitted and received to/from each of the plurality of networks, comprising:

- designation means designating at least one network;
- message acquiring means for acquiring messages transmitted and received to/from the plurality of networks;
- concentrating means concentrating the acquired messages; and
- message displaying means for displaying, on a time series basis, the concentrated messages independent of the message display area of each of the plurality of networks.

3. (ONCE AMENDED) An information exchange system in which user terminals are configured for connection to a plurality of networks to transmit and receive messages through the plurality of networks, the user terminals having a message display area displaying messages transmitted and received to/from each of the plurality of networks, comprising:

designation means designating at least one network;

message acquiring means for acquiring messages transmitted and received to/from the plurality of networks;

concentrating means concentrating the acquired messages; and

message displaying means for displaying, on a time series basis, the concentrated messages independent of the message display area of each of the plurality of networks;

message transmission cooperating means for transmitting one of the messages, when the message displayed by said message displaying means is identified for message transmission, to one of the networks in the plurality of networks to which said identified message is transmitted.

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12. (NEW) A method, comprising:
obtaining a plurality of messages to be transmitted or received over at least one of a designated network;

concentrating the obtained messages; and

displaying the concentrated messages in a time series basis independent of the messages.

13. (NEW) A computer readable storage controlling a computer by,
obtaining a plurality of messages to be transmitted or received over at least one of a designated network;

concentrating the obtained messages; and

displaying the concentrated messages in a time series basis independent of the messages.

14. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:
a communication unit obtaining a plurality of messages to be transmitted or received over at least one of a designated network;
a processing unit concentrating the obtained messages; and
a display unit displaying the concentrated messages in a time series basis independent of the messages.